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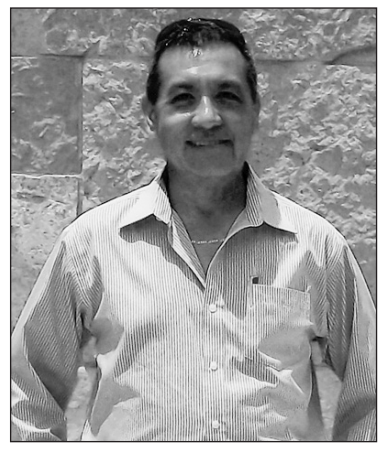

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Legislative contests in Pickens, Pontotoc, Tishomingo Districts

Chickasaw Nation announces candidates for general election

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced that Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel will remain in office for another four-year term.

The team was officially re-elected by a one-vote margin when no challengers had filed at the close of the filing period 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 8.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justice Cheri L. Bellefuille-Gordon was also unchallenged and will retain Seat 3 on the court.

Four incumbent legislators will face challengers for the primary election scheduled for July 26, 2011.

Pontotoc District Seat 3 incumbent Katie Case, of Ada, will face challengers Mary Ruth Barnes, of Fitzhugh, and Barbara Allen Wilson, of Ada.

Pontotoc District Seat 4 incumbent Dean McManus, of Ada, will face challenger Matthew Scott Gore, Esq., of Ada.

Pickens District Seat 2 incumbent Connie Barker, of Marietta, will face challenger Mike Watson, of Ardmore.

Tishomingo District Seat 3 incumbent legislator Steven E. Woods, of Sulphur, will face Melanie Peden, of Tishomingo, and Joyce L. Wesley, of Milburn.

Registered Chickasaw voters will vote by mail ballots. Ballots will be mailed to qualified voters Monday, July 11, 2011.

Ballots must be returned to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission no later than 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2011. No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting beginning at 11 a.m. July 26, 2011, at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. Results of the elections shall be announced the same day.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475.

Candidates filing are as follows:

Governor/Lt. Governor:

Bill Anoatubby/Jefferson Keel (Incumbents)

Legislature:

Pontotoc District

Seat 3 Katie Case (Incumbent) - Ada
Seat 3 Mary Ruth Barnes - Fitzhugh
Seat 3 Barbara Allen Wilson - Ada

Pontotoc District

Seat 4 Dean McManus (Incumbent) - Ada
Seat 4 Matthew Scott Gore - Ada

Pickens District

Seat 2 Connie Barker (Incumbent) - Marietta
Seat 2 Mike Watson - Ardmore

Tishomingo District

Seat 3 Steven E. Woods (Incumbent) - Sulphur
Seat 3 Melanie Peden - Tishomingo
Seat 3 Joyce L. Wesley - Milburn

Supreme Court:

Seat 3 Cheri L. Bellefuille-Gordon (Incumbent) - Sulphur

Supreme Court • Seat 3

Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Judge

District and Seat: 3

Background information: Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on December 29, 1968, to Russell and Donna Bellefeuille. She had one sister, Cris Bellefeuille and has one brother, Chuck Bellefeuille and his wife, Kendall Chadwick. Her grandparents are Ben and Viola Seeley and her great-grandparents were original enrollees, Mamie Tushkatomby and Walter Seeley.

She has worked at Hurst, McNeil & Gordon law firm in Sulphur, Oklahoma, since 1991, as a legal secretary, paralegal and office manager. Her experience in law provides an excellent background to serve as a tribal judge.

Educational background: She graduated from Sulphur (OK) High School in 1987 and attended East Central University. She graduated in 1991 with a B.A. in pre-law with a minor in accounting and services for the deaf.

Civic and /or community activities:

·Chickasaw Princess – 1989-1990

·Chairman of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Board, board member representing the Tishomingo District at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility 1993-2003

· Former president of the Sulphur/Davis Community Council

· Chickasaw Nation Headstart of Sulphur parent committee, 2002

· Peacemakers – administrative assistant/ trainer

· Sulphur Public School tutor for the Title V program

· Murray County Democratic Party – delegate, secretary and precinct officer for 20 years

· Murray County Kiwanis Club - member, president, vice-president, secretary and board member

· Member of the Sulphur Kiwanis Club

· Chickasaw Regional Library System-chairman and board member representing the City of Sulphur -1998-2010

· Helped raise funds for Relay for Life, Co-chairman of the Murray County Kiwanis March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon

· General Federated Women's Club, President, Vice-President of South Central District of General Federated Women's Club

· President, Vice-President, Secretary of GFWC Sulphur Sorosis

· Sulphur Public School Community Education Board member

· Chairman of Rewards of Reading, Volunteer song leader at Veterans Center of Sulphur every Sunday morning for church service 2000-2004

· Children's Miracle Network Duck Race, Fill the Boot for Children's Miracle Network, volunteer in parks program, volunteer interpreter for sign language. Sunday School Teacher, Member of Praise & Worship Team at the Abundant Life Church, Member of the NAICJA, Member of Federal Bar Association, President of Title VII and President of JOM for Sulphur Public Schools, 2007-to present.

Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon

Awards and honors: Outstanding Volunteer of the Sulphur Headstart; Kiwanian of the Year, George F. Hixon Award; Distinguished Service Award; Presidential Appreciation Award; Outstanding Club Secretary; TX-OK Kiwanis Foundation Lifetime Member; President's Distinguished Service Award; Outstanding Leadership and Distinguished Service Award; Kiwanian of the Month; Committee Chairman Award-Worldwide Service Project; Certification of Recognition-IDD Red Light, Board of Directors and Secretary; GFWC-OK Outstanding Volunteer-South Central; Committee Chairman Award-Program; Certificate of Appreciation; and Perfect Attendance Award - 9 years.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Judicial Branch: Preserving the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation. Help the individual tribal members to be certain that tribal affairs are conducted in a proper and legal manner. Interpret laws as they apply to the constitution and to make sure individual rights are protected and that legislative acts are constitutional and affairs of the Chickasaw Nation are conducted constitutionally. To serve the Chickasaw people in a manner that is exemplary of a tribal judge.

Name of spouse and children: Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon is a married to Daniel James Gordon, and they have two sons, Noah Gordon, 14, and two-year-old AJ Gordon.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I'm very proud of my Chickasaw heritage. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Supreme Court for the past 9 years.*

I have and will continue to be a voice for the people of the Chickasaw Nation. I am dedicated to the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw citizens and the Judicial Department.

I will continue my efforts to assist in providing a Chickasaw court system that will serve our citizens in an efficient and effective manner. Our Judicial Department is a very important part of the Chickasaw Nation's sovereignty and will be diligent in making sure our people are treated fairly and with dignity and respect.

I will work hard, and be honored to serve as one of your tribal judges. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Gubernatorial team

Bill Anoatubby / Jefferson Keel

Bill Anoatubby, Governor, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Bill Anoatubby
Position candidate is filing for: Governor

Background information: Bill Anoatubby began work for the nation in 1975 as its health services director. A year later, he was asked to direct its finance department which he reorganized and established a new centralized accounting system. In October 1978, he was promoted to the position of special assistant to the governor and controller. In 1979, he was elected as the tribe's first Lt. Governor. Gov. Anoatubby was elected to his first term as Governor in 1987.

In his first term, Gov. Anoatubby established goals of economic development and self-sufficiency for the Chickasaw Nation and its people. Today, because of determination and hard work, the Chickasaw Nation is well on the way to achieving those goals.

In 1987, the tribe had about 250 employees. Today, the Chickasaw Nation employs more than 10,600 people.

The financial condition of the tribe has been improved tremendously. Tribal financial outlays have grown from $11 million in 1987 to more than $750 million in 2010. Tribal assets have grown twenty fold. Gov. Anoatubby is committed to meeting the needs and desires of Chickasaw people by providing health care services, opportunities for employment and career advancement, and the chance for every Chickasaw to obtain a higher education.

Bill Anoatubby

Educational background: Bill Anoatubby attended public schools in Tishomingo, Okla. In 1964 he graduated from high school where he played football for the Tishomingo Indians, served on the student council, was junior class president and was chosen by his teachers as "All-Around Boy" his senior year. He was also named "Most Valuable Lineman" and selected as All-District tackle.

He attended Murray State College earning an associate's degree in business in 1970. In 1972 he completed his bachelor's degree in accounting at East Central State College (now East Central University). At ECU he was named "Outstanding Accounting Student." He has 18 hours of additional studies in business and finance from Southeastern State University in Durant, Okla., and East Central University. He has taken numerous continuing education courses in management, computer science, time management and personnel management, including study from Dun and Bradstreet in financial management.

He was a member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard serving from 1963 to 1971, attaining the rank of E-6 and commanding a light truck platoon. He was named "Outstanding Trainee" in advanced individual training with the National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1971.

Civic and/or community activities:

· Member of American Indian Graduate Center, Board of Directors
· Member of Arkansas Riverbed Authority
· Member of Board of Directors, Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
· Member of Harold Hamm Diabetes Center, Board of Advisors
· Member of Integris Health, Inc., Board of Directors
· Member, Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes
· Member of Leadership Oklahoma, Board of Directors
· Leadership Oklahoma, Class III
· Chairman, Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, Board of Directors
· Member of Oklahoma Academy of State Goals
· Member of Oklahoma Business Roundtable Board of Directors
· Member of Oklahoma Heritage Association Board of Directors
· Member of Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation

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Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Jefferson Keel
Position candidate is filing for: Lieutenant Governor

Background information: Jefferson Keel was first elected lieutenant governor in 1999. He is the fourth lieutenant governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

He is a retired U.S. Army officer with 20 years of active duty service. He completed two tours of combat duty as an infantryman during the Vietnam War.

While an officer, Mr. Keel served as a unit commander, a nuclear targeting officer, a plans and operations officer in Europe and a tactics and fire support instructor at the U.S. Army Aviation Center.

When he retired from the service, Mr. Keel returned to Oklahoma. He served as director of the tribal Social Services and Community Assistance departments; as policy administrator; and as special assistant for Cultural Affairs.

He has also served as director of community relations for a psychiatric hospital, and as director of a hospice organization.

Mr. Keel and his wife, Carol, have three children and eight grandchildren.

Educational background: Mr. Keel holds an associates degree from Murray State College; a bachelor of science degree from East Central University; and a master of science degree from Troy State University.

Jefferson Keel

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Keel currently serves as President of the National Congress of American Indians. He also serves on the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, chair of the Tribal Self Governance Advisory Committee, and the Tribal Interior Budget Committee.

Awards and honors: Bronze Star with "V" device for valor; Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for valor; two awards of the Purple Heart; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Air Medal.

Goal as Lt. Governor: I will continue to assist Governor Anoatubby as lieutenant governor. Our strength as a nation lies in our people and our ability to protect the resources that we developed and enjoy. I will continue to advocate on behalf of Chickasaw people in many areas including Health and Human Services, Indian health care, Department of Interior programs, and above all the protection of the sovereign rights of Indian tribes. I will continue to serve the Chickasaw people in every way possible.

Name of spouse and children: Wife Carol. Two sons, Thomas and wife Teresa and their children Allison, Madison and Cason; Jeff and wife Falisha and their children Lindsey and Jacob. One daughter, Kristen and husband Tim Schexnayder and their children Sarandyn, Alyse and Avery.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *I have been honored and blessed to serve the Chickasaw people. I am proud to work side by side with Governor Bill Anoatubby.*

We are now meeting the needs of Chickasaw families across the country, and our government continues to work for self-reliance.

Our tribal government is making great strides and our progress is exciting. Tribal accomplishments are the result of hard work and perseverance. We must continue to plan for the future and work hard every step of the way.

I look forward to serving the Chickasaw people for another term.

Pontotoc District • Seat 3

Katie Case, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Katie Case

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: Mrs. Case is the granddaughter of Intolubby "Clarence" Underwood, an original enrollee of the Dawes Commission. She is the daughter of Hurshlee "Cricket" Underwood Carter. She has 26 years of public education experience teaching grade levels kindergarten through eighth. She has served as Pontotoc District Seat 3 legislator for the past 4 1/2 years. In 2006, Chickasaw voters chose her from a field of 13 candidates to fill the open seat created by the passing of Mooniene Ogee. In 2008, the Chickasaw voters elected her to continue to be their legislator.

Educational background: Mrs. Case received her bachelor of science degree in education from East Central State University.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Case serves on the Institutional Review Board at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. She has been an active member of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Volunteer Auxiliary and has served on the following legislative committees: Human Resources, Education, Tribal Historical Preservation and Ethics Ad Hoc. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Ada, Okla., where she actively participates on various committees.

Katie Case

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: The Chickasaw Nation is economically stronger now than at any other time in our history. As we allocate resources, it will serve our people well to have a legislator who has roots in and understands our past, is active in our present and committed to preparing our future. I pledge to be a catalyst for and proponent of initiatives to support families, economic and community development, strong Chickasaw businesses, education for all who want to better themselves, real and meaningful elder care and service to all Chickasaws wherever they live.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Case is married to Wayne Case. They have a son Jeff and his wife, Doty, and their three daughters, Erin, Kelli and Rhyann; and a daughter, Shawna Jackson and her husband, J.D., and their sons, Derrick and Ethan.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *To serve you as your legislator, is incredibly gratifying and deeply humbling at the same time. Our bond, yours and mine, is a strong bond. It is a bond based on my understanding that I humbly and exclusively represent you, your thoughts, your ideas, your interests and your values. I know that to effectively serve as a representative of the people, I must be accessible to you, active in services to you and accountable specifically to you, the Chickasaw people. I believe the deeds of every Chickasaw elected official and employee, must be measured by the effect it will have on Chickasaw people first.*

Please vote and return your ballots as soon as possible. Every single vote matters. Your vote is your voice. Please raise your voice in support of my continued service to you. Thank you for your friendship, your support and your vote!

People First,
Katie

Mary Ruth Barnes

Name of candidate: Mary Ruth Barnes

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background information: Mary Ruth Barnes is the Director of Planned Giving for the state of Oklahoma and southwest Missouri for the American Cancer Society. She has taught at both the high school and college levels for more than 13 years. She taught English, Computer Technology and Photography. She was also a grant writer for a large school district in Denver, Colorado.

Educational background: Mrs. Barnes graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from North Carolina State University with high honors. She also holds a master's degree in Education from Montana State University.

Civic and/or community activities: Mary Ruth is very active in her community. She is a member of the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce and a 15-year member of Rotary International. She received in 2003 the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award.

She is a past president of Chapter HA of PEO International, a Philanthropic Educational Organization for Women. She has been a member of PEO for more than 30 years.

In 2010, Mary Ruth was named the outstanding fundraiser for the High Plains Region of the American Cancer Society. Prior to her service with the American Cancer Society, Mary Ruth was the Director of Development for the Advancement Office of East Central University in Ada.

She is a past president of Ada's Business and Professional Women and received BPW's "Woman of the Year" Award in 2006. She has served on the her church Vestry board, Rotary Board, taught Sunday school, served on the Executive Board of Boy Scouts of America and the Executive Board of the Ada Arts Council.

Mary Ruth Barnes

Awards and honors: Mrs. Barnes was named one of the top Chickasaw Dynamic Women Artists in 2010 and 2011. Two of her watercolor prints are now permanently on display at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. One of her watercolor paintings, "Flight of Hope-Fighting Leukemia" was chosen as part of the cover of the American Cancer Society's Circle of Life Calendar Journal for cancer education and wellness for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities.

Family members: Mary Ruth's mother is June McSwain Scott, a 92-year-old Chickasaw elder who lives in Ada. Mary Ruth and her husband Mike have two sons, Wiley Barnes, who works for the tribe in the Public Affairs Department, and is married to Rachel, and Selby Barnes, who works for Harmony Sport Horses in Kiowa, Colorado, and is married to Kerry. Mary Ruth and Mike, who is retired from International Truck and Engine Company, live on a horse ranch just south of Ada, Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Heritage:

Great-Great-Grandmother- Esther Wilson Brown

Great-Grandmother - Ella Brown McSwain

Grandfather- Harry McSwain

Great Aunt - Minnie McSwain Wolf

Great Aunt - Bessie McSwain Brock

Great Aunt - Romey McSwain Scott

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: As a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator for Pontotoc District, I will be receptive to all citizen inquiries and suggestions for the betterment of the Tribe and the Nation, with total representation on the people's behalf. I will also provide every avenue of encouragement to the young people of our Tribe to uplift them to their highest level of achievements in education and career development.

In continuation of elder care, knowing from the current care of my 92-year-old Chickasaw mother, I will support and uplift all Chickasaw elders, as their voice in all senior needs and health initiatives.

Not without consideration, also, I will continue to encourage the expansion of our economic diversification and development looking constantly for new avenues of growth and financial stability for the Nation as a whole.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *My personal message to my Nation is one that will be a commitment to constantly walk the trail of integrity, as my great-grandmother and my grandfather did, to achieve the desires and wishes of my people towards a greater representation in our world of honorable Native American tribal people.*

Pontotoc District • Seat 3

Barbara Allen Wilson

Name of candidate: Barbara Allen Wilson

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Background Information: Barbara Allen Wilson was born in Ada, Okla. Her ancestors are: great-great-grandfather, Gabriel Brown, 4/4 Chickasaw roll number 568; great-grandmother, Lizzie Brown, 4/4 Chickasaw roll number 2215; grandmother, Maggie Grayson Miller, 1/2 Chickasaw roll number 2219; and mother, Bertha Miller Allen, 1/2 Chickasaw. Ms. Wilson is 1/4 Chickasaw. Her sisters are Margaret Foley, the late Arlene Allen, Cindy Rainwater and Lisa Allen.

Mrs. Wilson has been a substitute teacher for the past five years. She is currently working on a grant for a non-profit organization for an After-School Tutoring Program. She has 18 years experience in state and 6 years in federal government programs. She was a real estate agent for four years.

Educational information: Ms. Wilson received an associates degree in 1975 from Eastern State University, a bachelor of arts degree in human resources (social work) Sept. 2, 1977 completing an Title IV Indian Education Administration internship from East Central University at Sapulpa Public Schools the summer of 1977. She has completed 18 hours of graduate work toward a master's degree in human resources administration at East Central University.

Civic and/or community activities: Ms. Wilson is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Senior Citizens, she volunteers at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Site, a member of the Salvation Army Home League and volunteers for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Ms. Wilson attended the 2010 and 2011 Chickasaw Elder's Conference.

Awards and honors: Ms. Wilson's favorite award she received is the Johnson O'Malley Award. She received the award for a grant written for a learning center and a grant for the design of an accredited Indian History course for Kellyville Public Schools. She was the administrator/counselor of Title IV Indian Education (currently known as title VII).

Barbara Allen Wilson

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: I want to bring my human resource experience and years involved in federal, state, the private sector employment to benefit the Chickasaw people.

Establish more senior sites for senior citizens; support education programs; support citizens At-Large expanded programs; protection of tribal sovereignty; protection of tribal water rights; improvement of health issues and medical care; Chickasaw Assisted Living Centers; Employment Training; and support of the Chickasaw Seniors.

Name of spouse and children: Ms. Wilson married Vern C. Wilson, Sr., August 29, 1966. They were married 19 years and had 3 sons, Vern Jr., 44, Michael Anthony (1/12/1970 - 1/13/1970), and Johnny Coleman Wilson, 40.

Vern and his wife Connie Haney Wilson have three daughters, Paige Wilson, a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma pursing a major in education and a minor in Native American Studies. She was a member of the Governor's Honor roll throughout high school. Madison Reide Wilson, 16, is a member of the Chikashasha Apichchi Ikbi, youth leadership, attends Glenpool Schools, and is on the Governor's Honor Roll. Chloe, 9, is on the Governor's Honor Roll.

John and his wife, Leanne Wilson have two daughters and one son. Jay-Cee is married to Rusty Renfro. She is a stay at home mom and devoted to Grant Coleman Renfro, Ms. Wilson's first grandchild. Hailey Wilson, 11 is on the Governor's Honor Roll and attends Lone Grove Schools. Dillon Wilson, 14, attends Lone Grove Schools and is a member of the Governor's Honor Roll.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *"Our Chickasaw Ancestors lead the path for our future so we could pave the roads we now travel." Today I feel strong about the Chickasaw Nation's future protection of Tribal Sovereignty. I firmly support the Chickasaw Nation's leadership wholeheartedly. I will work hard for the Chickasaw people to reach their goals and to accomplish legislator goals for all Chickasaw people. I hereby ask humbly for your vote.*

Meet your tribal election office staff and election commissioners

Rita Loder
Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar

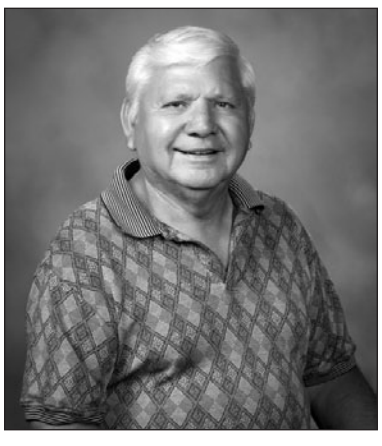
Traci Gold
Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Owens
Registration Clerk

Gwen Johnson
File Clerk

Rose Jefferson
Pontotoc District Commissioner

J.D. Malaney
Panola District Commissioner



Claude Miller
At-Large Commissioner

Mark Riesen
Pickens District Commissioner

Catherine Wood
Tishomingo District Commissioner

Pontotoc District • Seat 4

Dean McManus, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Dean McManus
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 4
Background Information: Mrs. McManus is a full-blood Chickasaw. She is the daughter of Luchuess and Mary Odelia Sealey and the granddaughter of Mary Alice and Calvin Brown. She was born and raised in the Kingston and Madill, Okla., areas. She moved to Ada, Okla., in 1968 and has been living at the same address for the past 43 years.

Mrs. McManus became an employee of the Chickasaw Nation in 1975 when the tribal headquarters was located in Sulphur, Okla. At that time there were only 25 tribal employees. She served the Chickasaw people in several positions for 24 1/2 years. She began her career with the tribe as a Community Health Representative for the Southern half of Pontotoc County, later becoming the CHR supervisor, then CHR coordinator.

She became the Director of the Human Resources Department in 1991. She was appointed the Director of Community Services in 1994 and became the Director of Training and Development in 1995. Mrs. McManus has received extensive education through 24 1/2 years on-the-job specific seminars and competency-based training.

She is completing her fourth three-year term as a Chickasaw tribal legislator representing Pontotoc District.

Civic and/or community activities:

· Mrs. McManus has been an active member of the Church of Christ for 49 years.

· Served one year as president of the Ada Community Services Council, a council that concentrates on helping those in need.

· Served as one of the executive officers on the Region 7 (which includes Ada) Alcohol/Drug Abuse and Mental Health Planning and Coordinating Board.

· Served as a board member of the Pontotoc Vo-Tech Region 8 "School to Work" program.

Dean McManus

· Served as one of the original board members of the Oklahoma City Food Bank.

· Currently serves as a board member of the National Indian Council of Aging.

Awards and honors:

· Received the 1991 Stellar Leadership Award from the Indian Health Service National Community Health Representative program, headquartered in Washington, D.C. Mrs. McManus received this recognition while serving as president of the National Association of CHRs.

· Received the 1991 Excellence in Leadership from Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service.

· Was recognized by the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service CHR program for dedicated and outstanding service in the development of the Chickasaw Nation Transportation System, September 1993.

· Was recognized by the National Rural Transit Assistant program for her Outstanding contribution for the Rural Transit Assistance program, July 1996.

· Was recognized by the Pontotoc Area Vo-Tech, Region 8 "School to Work" for dedicated service to the Teacher Internship program, July 1998.

· Outstanding Older American Indian Elder 2006.

· Certificate of Appreciation from the National Indian Council on Aging.

· Selected as official alternate delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature:

#1 Goal is to continue to serve our Indian people to the best of my ability.

#2 Goal is to advocate for the completion of a training center that will give our Chickasaw men and women a skill in an area of work that is suited to them and to their environment.

I will support the Division of Senior Services to provide services, including more nutrition senior sites, senior day

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Matthew Scott Gore, Esq.

Name of candidate: Matthew Scott Gore
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislature
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 4
Background information: Matthew Scott Gore was born in Tulare, Calif. He is the third-youngest child of 13 in his family.

Mr. Gore's maternal grandfather John Alberson and maternal grandmother Agnes (Dana) Alberson, were both original enrollees. His Chickasaw mother was Edith Lavida (Alberson) Gore.

During his summer break from college, Mr. Gore met his wife of 16 years, Cassandra (Brown) Gore.

Mr. Gore is an attorney with a private practice in Ada. He is admitted to practice law in all Oklahoma State Courts, the Federal District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, Federal Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma, Creek Nation Courts and Chickasaw Nation Courts.

Educational background: Mr. Gore attended Carter Seminary and graduated from Jones Academy Indian Boarding School in Hartshorne, Okla. He attended Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., and received his associates degree from the College of the Sequoias in California.

He earned a bachelor's degree in legal studies from East Central University, Ada, Okla. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 2006. While in law school, he was a member of the international, legal and honors fraternity Phi Delta Phi.

Matthew Scott Gore, Esq.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: As you legislator I promise to advocate for and support programs and policies that will provide real protection for the employment of Chickasaw people. I will seek a real and enforced Chickasaw preference policy that promotes Chickasaw placement in the highest positions of the tribe. I will advocate for policies that provide real available help and recourse to Chickasaws who feel they have been wronged. I will seek more separation and independency of the three branches of government. I will promote the true freedom of the right to vote by advocacy for the policies that provide actual protection for all Chickasaws (employees and non-employees) exercising that right. I will support the expansion of current programs (health care, diabetic treatment, child care, treatment of elders, education, general assistance, training programs, small business loans, counseling, etc.) to become more beneficial to Chickasaws.

Name of spouse and children: Wife Cassandra. Six children, Cherokee, Calvin, Matthew Junior, Myisha and adopted nephews Jason and Jaqarri.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *I have a private law practice in Ada, Oklahoma, where I represent as many Chickasaws as my case load allows. I know what it takes to truly represent Chickasaws. My education, experience and accomplishments would be in vain if I did not help my people. Ninety percent of the people I represent are Chickasaws. Any Chickasaw, current or past, that I have represented or given a consultation would verify my sincerity when I say that I am truly for the Chickasaw people.*

I will be readily accessible and available to the Chickasaw people to gain input on what the legislature needs to change, incorporate or address for the better treatment and improved living standard of all Chickasaw people. We have very good programs now, but it is mandatory that we always strive as a people to do better. If there is ever "one" Chickasaw that is being mistreated, left out or not considered then we as a people have to let our voice be heard, and as your legislator I promise to be your voice without consideration of who opposes your ideas. The Chickasaw people come first. I can, I have and I will continue to provide protection and "proven representation" to any and all Chickasaws.

I have the education, analytical ability and foresight to analyze and con-

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Pickens District • Seat 2

Connie Barker, *Incumbent*

Name of candidate: Connie Barker
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pickens District, seat

Connie Barker is the daughter of Andrea Mobley and James Riley of Marietta, Oklahoma. She and her husband Richard have four children, Brandon Mathews, Montana Berry, Nikki Barker and Alise Barker. Her Chickasaw ancestry includes her paternal grandfather, Yukon Riley and paternal great-grandmother, Lillian McClure.

Mrs. Barker was elected in 2008 to serve the Chickasaw citizens as a Tribal Legislator for the Pickens District, seat 2. She serves as the Healthcare Committee chairperson and serves on several other Legislative committees.

She was appointed to the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee in June 2009, a national committee that advises the director of Indian Health Services about diabetes treatment and prevention programs. As a committee member, Mrs. Barker represents all Native American tribes in Oklahoma and parts of Kansas and Texas. She also serves as a committee member of the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board for Epidemiology.

Educational background: Mrs. Barker is a graduate of Marietta High School and has attended Murray State College and continues course work at the Ardmore Higher Education Center to advance her knowledge.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Barker is very active in her community, serving on the Marietta Board of Education since 2004. She is currently board chair for the Love County E-911 District and is a current member of the Love County Chamber of Commerce and Marietta Lions Club. She is a founding member of the Love County Women's Shelter and Turning Point Coalition. Mrs. Barker and her family are members of the Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta.

Connie Barker

Mrs. Barker has worked as Administrator of the Mercy Health Love County Rural Health Clinic for 21 years, is a registered medical coder and her career in healthcare spans 30 years.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goals as a tribal legislator are to support sustained economic growth of the Chickasaw Nation, support the education programs for the youth and adult learners and advancement of knowledge to the workforce. I will support access to quality healthcare for our citizens, and use whatever skills available to me to assist the continued growth for the nation, embrace necessary change and encourage team building.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Barker and her husband Richard have four children, Brandon Mathews, Montana Berry, Nikki Barker and Alise Barker.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I am seeking re-election as a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator for the Pickens District because I believe my contribution to my fellow Chickasaw citizens would be through my leadership skills, service to my community, board experiences, life experiences and my love of serving others.*

My experiences include many years of healthcare management, business operations and ethics, planning committees and community service, board seats and working with the public.

I feel the need to continue giving back to my great nation, to pay homage to those great leaders before me by carrying on their legacy of service, and to make sure those who come after me, the next generation of servants to the citizens, will have the best infrastructure possible to provide those same great services we all enjoy today. I appreciate your support throughout my first term and would appreciate your continued support and vote this election.

Thank you so much,

Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator Pickens District Seat 2

Mike Watson

Name of candidate: Mike Watson
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pickens District, seat 2

Background information: Mike Watson is 1/4 Chickasha born into the Shawi (Clan). He is 11/16 (doc.) Chickasaw/Choctaw/Mississippi Choctaw. He has been a citizen for over 21 years, advocated for many of the current Chickasaw (medical, educational, economic, employment and social) benefits which Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw employees enjoy.

Mike Watson shall continue to be in the vanguard of protecting Chickasaw citizens rights while respecting Chickasaw Nation employee rights.

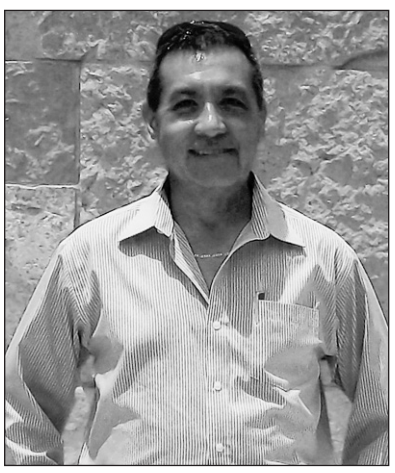
Mike Watson has stood before the Chickasaw Legislature (as a citizen).

Mike Watson addressed issues of employment mentoring/training and internship for Chickasaws seeking employment within Chickasaw Nation.

Mike Watson shall work to hold Chickasaw government accountable to Chickasaw citizens, while protecting the legislative authority.

Mike Watson will be accountable to Chickasaws. "By the Grace of God" and with assistance of his extended Chickasaw family and friends to help monitor, advise and hold him accountable to Chickasaw people.

Mike Watson's mother is Wilma Pauline Stout now Watson. Shawi (Clan) of Chickasha Hutak born at McMillan, Okla. His mother married Thomas W. Watson 3/8 Mississippi Choctaw 4/8 Choctaw.


Mike Watson

His maternal grandmother was Hattie Pickens now Stout, Shawi (Clan) of Chickasha Hutak born in Pickens County of Chickasaw Nation. His maternal grandmother married Sam Stout (undocumented Mississippi Choctaw, French).

His maternal great-grandmother was Annie Ned now Pickens, Shawi (Clan) of Chickasha Hutak born in (old homeland of) Chickasaw Nation. His maternal great-grandmother married Ihunta Pickens son of Okchuntubby better known as Edmund Pickens (died ca.1868) for whom the Chickasaw Pickens County later Pickens District is named.

His employment history includes: insurance (accounting and administration), oil and gas (exploration and administration), banking and financial (data administration), government (accounting and administration), business consultant (employment tax credit, Native Americans), specialty and retail (photography and general merchandising).

Educational background: Mr. Watson attended Madill Senior High School, East Central University, American College, Phillips University, Computer Education Center, Inc., and his primary academic discipline is business management.

His formal studies were structured toward areas of personal interests which included: history, both academics and traditional (Chickasaw and Choctaw); accounting; computer technology; real estate (appraising, financing, documenting surface and mineral ownership); government (pre-Columbian through current philosophies of democracy, autocratic to dictatorships etc.) and balanced by reasonable knowledge of; geology which prepared him to protect his family's real estate assets both lands and minerals.; photography.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Watson's community and civic activities include: preservation of history (mainly Chickasaw); attend nearly all Chickasaw Legislative sessions since 1990, addresses issues which affected Chickasaws within and outside Chickasaw Nation, and advocate for opportunities and benefits for all Chickasaws; one of the founding members of Chickasaw Nation's tribal dancers; attends many Chickasaw gathering-at-large from California, Texas, Alabama, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and through-out Oklahoma; assisted in establishing two non-profit organizations aimed at helping Chickasaw citizens.

Awards and honors: As a student and young man Mr. Watson participated in many clubs, social groups and has re-

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Tishomingo District • Seat 3

Steven E. Woods, *Incumbent*

Name of Candidate: Steven E. Woods
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislature
District and seat number: Tishomingo District, Seat 3
Background information: Mr. Woods was born January 9, 1961 to Jerry and Pat Woods. His lineage is Almeda James Engle, Author H. James, Suel James, Josephine Brown James, Leona Colbert Wesley, and Esau Seeley, all Chickasaw original enrollees.

Formerly employed by the Chickasaw Housing Authority in the Development Department from 1980-1985. Currently, Mr. Woods is employed as the Senior Radiation Safety Officer for Halliburton Energy Services. He served as a Supreme Court Justice for the Chickasaw Nation from 1992 to 2002. He serves as a Legislator for the Tishomingo District, Seat 3, 2002 to present.

Steven Woods has been involved in tribal activities since he was a small boy. He is the son of Pat Woods, who has worked for the tribe since he was 10 years old. He, his mom and two brothers and a sister lived in a trailer house next to his Chickasaw grandmother, Almeda James Engle, until he was 18 years old. His grandmother was an original Chickasaw enrollee and lived in the house that was built with her BIA IIM account monies when she was eight years old.

She was a widow living alone in the country and was caring for her Chickasaw disabled brother who served in World War II. We lived next to her to help her when needed.

Steven E. Woods

She taught my brothers and myself how to plant and harvest a vegetable garden and I still do that to this day at my own home. I also helped with her cows and assisted with the cutting and hauling of the hay. I went to a small country school that only had 72 students in all classes up to eighth grade. When finishing the eighth grade, I continued my high school education at Stratford Schools System. I graduated as salutatorian of my class. I got married when I was 18 and started college at ECU. I went there for two years and worked at the Chickasaw Housing Authority while attending college. I transferred to the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in chemical engineering. Since I was married and now had a child, I continued working part time at the Housing Authority. I drove back and forth from Stratford to attend the University of Oklahoma and to work in Ada.

I also continued to help my grandmother. She had a large fireplace and burned wood in the winter. My brothers and dad would cut and split wood for her to burn to save on propane. While running a wood splitter, I got my leg caught in the wood splitter and broke my leg in several places. I was in a full leg cast for almost a year. This was my last year in college but I persevered and went to college in a wheel chair and eventually on crutches, even though it was difficult.

After five years, I earned my degree from the University of Oklahoma in chemical engineering with a double major in math. Those five years were difficult, but I believe the experience made me stronger.

During that time, my mother worked for the Chickasaw Nation and made our family very aware of the problems the Chickasaw people faced as well as other Indian people living in the area. There were no resources or services except through the state or county and like my grandmother, most were too proud to ask for help. My mom assisted In-

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Melanie Peden

Name of candidate: Melanie Peden
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Tishomingo District, Seat 3
Background information: Melanie Peden is the great-granddaughter of the Billy and Lizzie Keel, she is the granddaughter of original enrollee, the late Ada Keel, and the late Richard and Mae Duty, of Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of the late Ted and Mary Gayle Reynolds.

Melanie Peden

She has been the owner of Advantage One Pest Control for 20 years, a real estate investor, sales associate of Heffington Realty, and owner of Melanie Peden Bail Bonds.

Civic and/or community activities: Ms. Peden is a member of the Johnston County Chamber of Commerce.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Ms. Peden's highest goal is to represent you as your legislator of the great Chickasaw Nation. I will promote and support programs for a better life for all Chickasaws.

Name of spouse and children: Ms. Peden married Merle Peden in 1991. She has two step-children, Craig and Les Peden.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *Our elders are our greatest resource. I will be especially honored to serve you while assuring that all Chickasaw elders are afforded respect and comfort as well as being provided with their basic needs.*

Children are also of the utmost importance to the Chickasaw Nation. I will support increases in funding to programs that benefit Chickasaw children such as education, health and family services. I will be accountable to you, the Chickasaw people, at all times and will serve with honor and dignity. I am a lifelong resident of Tishomingo and will be a full-time legislator who will listen to your concerns and ideas.

Respectfully,
Melanie Peden

Joyce L. Wesley

Name of Candidate: Joyce L. Wesley
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Tishomingo District, Seat 3
Background information: Ms. Wesley is full-blood Chickasaw. She is the daughter of the late Raymond and Emily (Keel) Howard, the granddaughter of the late Charlie and Melvina (Imotichey) Howard and the late Phoebe (Keel) John, all full blood Chickasaws. Her grandparents are original enrollees and the great-granddaughter of the late Byars Columbus, full-blood.

Joyce L. Wesley

She was raised in California where her parents moved the family there on the Relocation Program in the 1950s. She finished her high school education at Milburn High School. She has owned a beauty salon in Tishomingo for several years and is a dental laboratory technician and went back to school to earn a medical secretarial degree from OSU/Okmulgee in 1997.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: One of my goals as a legislator is to focus on better representation for my Chickasaw people, better pay for Chickasaw employees (not administration, higher ups or legislators).

In recent months I have heard complaints of being disappointed in some of our current legislative officers, of not knowing who they are, of not seeing them or knowing what they represent. Chickasaw Legislators are voted into office by Chickasaw voters, so ask them why they are not doing their jobs.

There are the exceptions and you know who they are!

I recommend the Chickasaw Nation on many good programs already in place. Better pay for our Chickasaw employees is also an issue. Families who work from check to check to make ends meet. I have worked in the system so I know many of these families.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I want to be your legislative representative, but whether you vote for me or someone else, please take the time to vote. Your vote is very important.*

Yakoke
Joyce Wesley

Governor Bill Anoatubby, *continued from page 3*

· Member of Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. Board of Directors
· Member of Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
· Member of National Congress of American Indians

Awards and honors:

· 2011 Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Trail Boss Award
· 2011 Oklahoma Health Center Foundation Treasures for Tomorrow, Outstanding Innovative Leader
· 2010 International Economic Development Council, Leadership Award for Public Service
· 2010 Oklahoma City University's Meinders School of Business, Chairman's Award
· 2009 Festival of Hope Honoree, Heartline Organization
· 2009 Leadership Oklahoma's Distinguished Graduate
· 2009 American Indian Exposition, Indian of the Year
· 2008 Native American Finance Officers Association, Tribal Leader of the Year Award
· 2008 Oklahoma Conference on Aging, Lifetime Achievement Award
· 2008 National Governors Association, Private Citizen Award
· 2007 Red Earth Ambassador
· 2007 Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, Outstanding Service to Oklahoma's Children Award
· 2007 Minority Advocate of the Year, U.S. Small Business Administration
· 2007 Oklahoma Heritage Association "Centennial Leadership award for Preservation of State & Local History"
· 2006 Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council "Humanitarian of the Year" Award
· 2005 Awarded the "Most Honored One" and "Friend of the Court" by the Oklahoma Supreme Court
· 2004 Oklahoma Hall of Fame Inductee
· 2004 Jacobson Foundation, Honoree Award
· 2000 Distinguished Service Award from the Murray State College Foundation
· 1999 Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Corporation, Leadership Award
· 1998 Honoree, Community Literacy Center
· 1997 Ada Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Award
· 1997 City of Ada, A+ Award
· 1997 Oklahoma Governor's Arts Award
· 1997 Distinguished Alumnus, East Central University
· 1997 Distinguished Alumnus, National Community College Association
· 1995 Minority Advocate of the Year, U.S. Small Business Administration
· *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*
· *Who's Who in American Politics*

Goal as Governor: It has been my greatest honor and privilege to serve you as governor. We have built a strong nation together. Today, more Chickasaws than ever before are achieving their goals - goals of homeownership, a continued education, quality employment and living active healthy lives.

We have made great advancement in many areas. Working with you, together, our team has the momentum to create new jobs and educational opportunities, more housing and more health care programs and services for all Chickasaws.

We have the momentum to continue building a strong and vibrant tribal economy through business and economic development which will benefit all Chickasaws. We have the momentum to continue new programs in Chickasaw cultural studies, language and the arts. Our mission has always been and continues to be - improve the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

Name of spouse and children: Wife: Janice. Son Chris and wife Becky, grandchildren, Brendan, Eryn and Sydney. Son Brian and wife, Melinda, grandchildren, Chloe and Preslea.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *I will continue in service to the Chickasaw people, to you. Through hard work and perseverance, working together with the Chickasaw people, we have made remarkable progress. My greatest honor is to work for you. Many of you have helped plan for the growth and prosperity of our nation and together, we have achieved much progress. Services are being offered that have never been offered before. Opportunities that were once only a dream are today our reality. Together, we have built a strong and vibrant nation. We have momentum to achieve more. Together, we have set a vision for our nation and our citizens. Together, we are getting real and tangible results. Together, we will continue investing in our future and creating opportunities for all Chickasaws. Together, we can maintain our momentum!*

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care services, senior assisted living centers, a geriatric wellness program and a nursing home.

I will support the youth programs to provide activities and education programs for our young people, for they are our future and they will be taking care of us someday.

I have served as Finance Committee chairman. It was my goal to be a good steward of our tribal resources and make sure those resources were directed properly to our programs and services.

During my second term, I served as chairman of the Human Resources committee, which also requires proper allocation of resources to our important programs and services. My goal has been to make sure the Chickasaw people are being well served and that needs are being met.

It will be my goal in the upcoming term to ensure that Chickasaw people are receiving quality service and needed programs across the board. Health care, I believe, is vitally important. We now offer an excellent program for Chickasaws which allows each Chickasaw a specified amount to cover medical expenses that otherwise might not be covered. I will seek to continue building our health care program.

I will also continue to lobby for Chickasaw nursing facilities and assisted living centers. These programs could prove to be a tremendous asset for Chickasaw families with elders needing this type of assistance.

I will support the new Chickasaw training center, which will assist our less fortunate youth in developing skills and trades with which they can make good livings as adults.

I have served as the Legislative Human Resources committee chair - all new and current programs come through this committee for approval. I can't tell you how proud I am each time a new program is planned to help our people, young and older. My goal as your legislator is to represent you with honor and pride and to be your voice whatever your needs.

My goal is to enhance the overall quality of life.

My goal is to be a good legislator for the people I love, the Chickasaw people.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. McManus was married to Harrel D. McManus for 54 years until his death in 2009. Mrs. McManus has three daughters, Karen Goodnight, Sherri McManus, and Kristina McManus; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *For the past 36 years I have dedicated my life to serving you and our Tribe and have loved every minute of it.*

The culmination of years of our plans and dreams came about in 2010. The Chickasaw Medical Center in Ada, the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, The Chickasaw Press is publishing volumes of Chickasaw history. Our children are learning to speak Chickasaw.

We have a beautiful senior citizens building in each county of the Chickasaw Nation. Millions of dollars have been dedicated to additional health care programs, housing initiatives, employment opportunities, career development and much more for the Chickasaw Nation. 2010 was a year filled with achievements that will pay dividends far into the future. I am so very proud to have had a part in making these important events happen.

It has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your legislator for the past four terms. My lifelong desire has been to serve the Chickasaw people. Through your input and suggestions we have worked hard together to make the Chickasaw Nation the greatest tribe in America, providing services beyond belief.

It has been an honor to be a part of a legislature that supports the needs of our people. The Chickasaw culture has always been to honor our elders and take care of them. This I will continue to do.

The Chickasaws have always believed in education for our children. They are our future leaders and will take care of us. I will continue to support education.

I have and will continue to support our wonderful health care system. We listened to you when you told us health care was your top priority.

I have supported and will continue to work for affordable homes - assisted living homes, and independent living centers throughout the Nation. I have supported and will continue to support to increase our land base.

Your vote and support for me in this election will be very much appreciated.

Dean McManus

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dian families many times out of her own pocket because she couldn't stand to see a family in need. Many times Indian families would come to our trailer seeking help for some member of their family.

I grew up knowing about the problems of Indian people and knowing the pride our Chickasaws had. My grandmother and mother always taught me to be proud of being Chickasaw and tell me we were the greatest tribe of all the Indians. My great-grandfather was a full-blood Chickasaw and an original enrollee. I have always been associated with my mother's Indian side of the family. She had four Chickasaw uncles and two Chickasaw aunts. They visited often as my grandmother was the oldest in her family.

My mother had six brothers and sisters and they were all proud of their Chickasaw heritage. The land we lived on had been the home place of older Chickasaw relatives when they came from Mississippi on the Trail of Tears. My younger brother, Will Woods, now lives on our grandmother's original allotted land and her old house still stands in ruin and covered in trumpet vines. We are happy the land is still in the family because when we go visit, it brings back many good memories. I tell you all of this to let you know that I have been an Indian all my life and been very proud of my heritage.

My mother, Pat Woods, encouraged me to participate in tribal government as she knew I was familiar with the tribe and had also worked at the Housing Authority. She said I had a good heart and would do what is right and best for our Indian people, especially our Chickasaws.

The first office I served in was a member of the judicial branch. After serving there for three terms, I decided I wanted to contribute my services to the Legislative Branch. I take my service in that office very seriously and try to make decisions that will benefit our Chickasaw people. I always attend committee meetings and the regular sessions of the legislature. I have always been an advocate for the best health services available, education, senior services, programs and services for our people, Jobs for our people, and being a success in our businesses.

Educational background: Mr. Woods attended Stratford High School and was salutatorian of his senior class. He holds a bachelor's of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma where he graduated with honors.

Civic and/or community activities: Appointed by the Governors of Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Radiation Management Advisory Council in 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2008 and currently serves as the elected Chairman of the council.

Board member of Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) for eight years, and currently serves as the elected Vice-Chairman of the board. CNI is the government subcontracting entity for the tribe currently employing over 2,000 individuals across the U.S.

Awards and honors: Written, presented, and published numerous papers at conferences and symposiums for the Health Physics Society, Society of Petroleum Engineers, Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Petroleum Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: My goals are to represent the Chickasaw people by providing professionally and thoroughly researched decisions on any matters that are before the Legislature, make sure that the direction our tribe takes will be to educate our youth, provide jobs for our people both inside and outside the Chickasaw Nation. I will work with the Executive Branch to plan for independent living for elders as well as a nursing home.

I will continue to support:

1. Increased educational scholarships for all Chickasaw youth
2. Clothing grants for college students
3. Providing clothing grants for all Chickasaw students Headstart through 12th grade
4. Economic development and creation of other tribal businesses in addition to gaming for our people
5. Jobs creation both inside and outside the nation.
6. Expansion of orthodontic and other dental services
7. Expansion of regional clinics including the new clinic at Tishomingo.
8. The construction of the new Connerville Senior Site.
9. Construction of a wellness center at Sulphur.
10. Construction of the Artesian Hotel and Cultural Center which will provide more jobs for the Tishomingo District.
11. Property management to allow recreational use (hunting, fishing and camping) on all available Chickasaw Nation properties not just the Kullihoma Reservation.

Accomplishments for the Tishomingo District while I have been in office:

1. Wellness Center in Tishomingo
2. Funding for the New Tishomingo Clinic – construction to start this month
3. Connerville Senior Site – under construction
4. Capitol Building and grounds restoration in Tishomingo
5. Chickasaw Farms in Davis – horticultural services for tribal members
6. Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur
7. Artesian Hotel in Sulphur – under construction

Name of Spouse and Children: Steve and his wife of 31 years, Paula, reside in Sulphur. They have two children, Christi and Brad, and three granddaughters, Mallorie, Zoie and Keeli and one grandson Doron. Doron, Mallorie, and Zoie are also the grandchildren of Mike and Pam Lovett, of Tishomingo.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *As a member of the Legislature, I will be open minded and fair as I represent all the voters of the Tishomingo District.*

I will support better representation of our Chickasaw citizens living outside the Chickasaw Nation. I will promote preservation of our history, culture, and language. I will seek priority for our elders in all services, especially health care. I will support education and other services for our youth. I will support economic development and diversification so we can provide jobs for our people so they can support their families.

As a member of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and the Court Development Team, I have worked with the Executive and Legislative Departments in pursuing the expansion of the existing court system. I support a court system that will incorporate traditions and customs of the Chickasaw people.

I take a deep personal interest in all things which affect the Chickasaw people and our whole Chickasaw Nation as well.

It has been my great honor and privilege to have served you as a Legislator and during that time, I have valued the importance of tribal laws and of maintaining the spirit and content of our Constitution. I will continue to work with you and for you, to see to it that we all receive justice and equality.

I would like to continue as your Chickasaw Nation Legislator so that I can continue my service to the voters of the Tishomingo District as a Competent Legislator. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election.

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:
P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821
(580) 310-6475 phone
(580) 310- 6474 Fax
Toll Free 1-888-661-0137
Chickasaw.net then click government.

CHICKASAW ELECTION COMMISSION
P.O. Box 695
Ada, OK 74821

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ceived many ribbons and certificates.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: Educate Chickasaw citizens about their constitutional rights and benefits. Mr. Watson will continue to promote Chickasaw culture. He shall: 1) Work ethically and honestly for Chickasaw citizens 2)Meet with, listening to issues and work toward equitable solution for Chickasaw citizens 3) Work toward actual accountability to Chickasaw Citizens 4) Encourage regular pay scale review with increase justifications for Chickasaw Nation Employee and Chickasaw Appointees 5) Encourage periodic Chickasaw Nation employee "cost of living" adjustments 6) Work to amend the regular legislative sessions schedule to be more advantageous for Chickasaw citizen participation 7) Work toward equitable election rules with economically reasonable filing fees to increase citizen participation as candidates 8) Work for Chickasaw Nation Laws of Incorporation, laws which will increase and strengthen the foundation of Chickasaw sovereignty 9) Review business plans for benchmark accountability points and profitability to protect Chickasaw investments 10) Review year-end expenditure reports of all funds (for audited oversight in financial and executive accountability of Chickasaw assets 11) Work for "dividend payment to citizens" from net income of assets from Chickasaw investments 12) Work to establish elected officials salary review board comprised of Chickasaw citizens who do no seat on other boards or committees.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *Mike Watson holds three issues to be noteworthy.*

1) Primary issue, protecting Chickasaw national sovereignty and assets.

2) Secondary issue, economical growth and diversification via: a) encouraging business facilities within Chickasaw boundaries at economically reasonable rental/lease rates which encourages citizen oriented economic development ventures b) tribal statuses which encourage United States corporations to bring their outsourced job ventures to sovereign tribal lands. c) facilitate access to a diverse competent Oklahoma work-force for U.S. companies which establish their outsourced operations on sovereign tribal land.

3) Paramount issue, Dividend Payments to Chickasaw citizens

Mike Watson points out that no one legislator can achieve any results without the assistance, cooperation, support and participation of Chickasaw citizens and other legislators.

Mike Watson points out to pass any Chickasaw resolution takes seven yes votes by legislators.

Mike Watson points out to over-ride any Chickasaw resolution which has been vetoed takes nine legislative yes votes to override a veto.

Mike Watson points out to place any important issues before Chickasaw voters takes a resolution with seven yes votes plus executive approval.

Mike Watson points out without executive approval (to place an issue to the vote of the people) requires nine legislative yes votes to override a veto.

Mike Watson is aware that to represent you well will require visitation with and listening to what is important to Chickasaw citizens, having accurate audited financial data, having a complete schedule of prior approved obligations/commitments and communication with others.

Mike Watson is well aware of the frustrations which many Chickasaw citizens face when interacting with Chickasaw Nation (and some employees who seem to forget without the people there is no need for them).

Mike Watson feels new standards should be developed to encourage and guide Chickasaw Nation to go an extra mile in favor of Chickasaw citizens.

Mike Watson remembers the Railroad Settlement vote, the elders encouraged a small payment to each original enrollees with the bulk of the settlement principal to go into a trust fund to educate Chickasaw children.

Mike Watson feels Chickasaw Nation elected officials and employees exist because of Chickasaw citizens, to whom all honor and respect is due.

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sider the impact on Chickasaws of all bills and resolutions that are put before the legislature. I will vote the will of the Chickasaw people. In this day and age, Chickasaws need youthful, energetic, educated and relentless representation within our tribe. Times have changed. We live in a highly technological and legal society that requires in depth analysis by your legislators. It is time to change with the times. I am asking you to support and "vote" for me (Matthew S. Gore). When I am elected your Chickasaw Legislator I promise to truly represent, protect and serve all Chickasaws. I will seek true transparency of the Chickasaw Government, so I will keep you informed. As I do in my law practice, I welcome all comments or input from any Chickasaw. Let's change with the times…elect me for true "proven representation."

VOTE!

Ballots mailed July 11, 2011

the Chickasaw Nation
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Tribal Governmental Services
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Application for:
☐ Voter Registration
☐ Citizenship
☐ Change of Address
☐ Abstain from Voting

Bill Anoatubby
Governor

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name | First Name | Middle | Maiden | Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) | City | County | State | Zip Code

Date of Birth | Sex | Degree of Blood | Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)? _____

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are applying for a citizenship card, please **attach a current color photograph** (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1½" by 1¼".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live INSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, mark the district in which you reside.

If you live OUTSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, you must mark the district of your choice.

☐ Pontotoc District No. 1
☐ Pickens District No. 2
☐ Panola District No. 3
☐ Tishomingo District No. 4

*Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant (Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards) | Daytime Phone No. | Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature | CDIB Number | Date

Form no. 264 CDIB Rev. 3/2008

OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT

PRIMARY ELECTION
CHICKASAW NATION

SAMPLE

Pontotoc District Seat 4
Ada, Oklahoma
JULY 26, 2011

This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.

DO NOT ERASE

TO VOTE: USE A PENCIL (NO INK)

Complete the arrow(s) ⬅ ⬅
pointing to your choice(s).
like this ⬅ ⬅

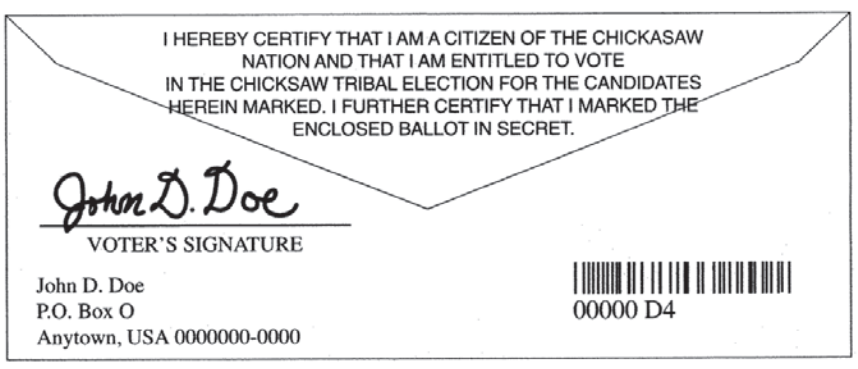
Pontotoc District Seat 4

Matthew Scott Gore ⬅ ⬅
Dean McManus ⬅ ⬅

SAMPLE

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), **EXACTLY** the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.


I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKSAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.
John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE
John D. Doe
P.O. Box O
Anytown, USA 0000000-0000
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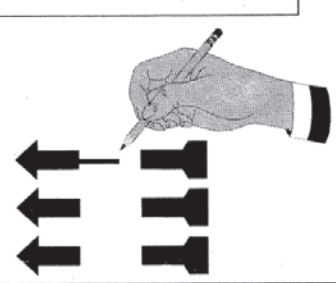
CORRECT:
You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!



THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2011 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 6-8: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 10: Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 13: Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

June 13: Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (***by 4:00 pm)***

Press release for candidates (news/media)

June 27: Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 5: Voter registration closes.

July 6: After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.

July 11: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 20: Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 26: 2011 Primary Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

July 26: Voter registration re-opens, *if no run-off election.*

July 29: Recount period ends.

October 3: Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2011 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 1: Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's ***(after 12:00 p.m.)***

August 15: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

August 24: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 30: 2011 Run-Off Election (*last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)*

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

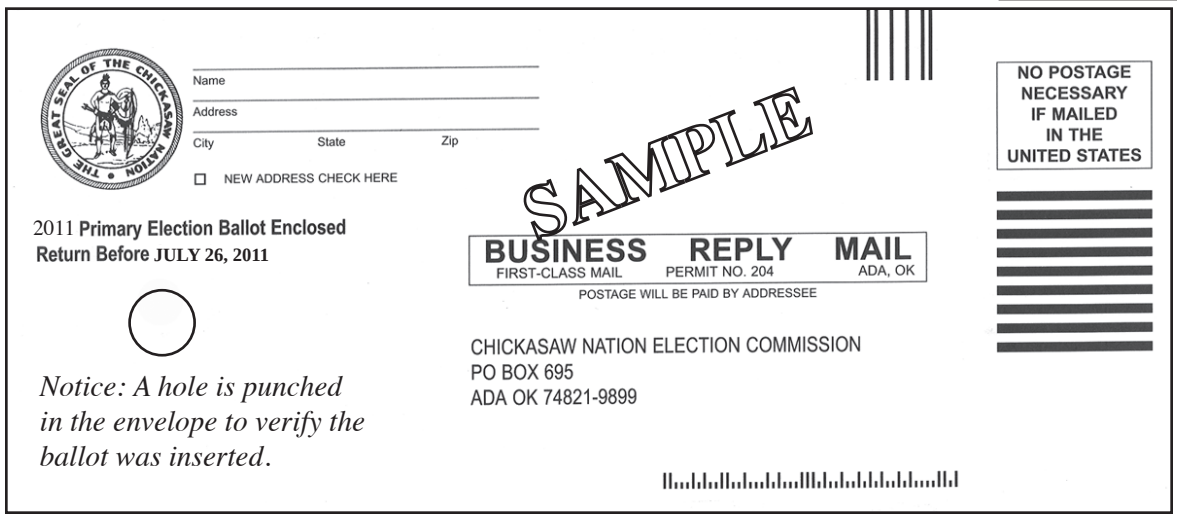
Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens

September 2: Recount period ends.

October 3: Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)



Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.